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SUBJECT: TUNGSTEN PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

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1. AUSTRIA AT PRESENT DOES NOT PRODUCE TUNGSTEN FROM DOMESTIC RESOURCES. LAST YEAR OF PRODUCTION WAS 1971 WHEN TOTAL OUTPUT OF CONCENTRATE IN TERMS OF WO 3 CONTENT RAN TO 57 METRIC TONS.

2. SCHEELITE MINING EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED IN 1976 WHEN PROJECTED NEW TUNGSTEN MILL IS SCHEDULED TO START OPERATIONS. NEW PLANT DESIGNED TO PRODUCE TUNGSTEN CARBIDE AND TUNGSTEN METAL; TOTAL INITIAL CAPACITY EXPECTED AT 1,000 METRIC TONS P.A. OR EQUAL TO 15 TO 20 PERCENT OF ESTIMATED WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMAND. ROUGHLY 75 PERCENT OF ANNUAL OUTPUT OF 1,000 M.T. EARMARKED FOR EXPORTATION.

3. U.S. FIRM TELEDYNE, WHOSE PRODUCTION PROCESS WILL BE USED IN PROJECTED TUNGSTEN MILL, EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A ONE-THIRD PARTICIPATION IN NEW OPERATION. THE OTHER TWO PARTNERS WILL BE A GERMAN FIRM OWING THE SCHEELITE MINING AUTHORIZATION, AND AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED STEEL COMBINE VOEST-ALPINE.

4. OFFICIAL CONSUMPTION STATISTICS FOR TUNGSTEN NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, A PRIVATE STUDY ON AUSTRIA'S MINERAL RESOURCES MADE BY THE VOEST-ALPINE SUBSIDIARY AUSTROMINERAL ESTIMATES THIS COUNTRY'S OVERALL TUNGSTEN CONSUMPTION IN TERMS OF WOLFRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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(METAL CONTENT) AT 1,500 M.T. FOR 1974 AND 1,650 M.T. FOR 1975.

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